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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should take action to meet its obligations, and to ensure that all other member states of the United Nations meet their obligations, to women as agreed to in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 relating to women, peace, and security, and the United States should fully assume the implementation of international law relating to human rights that protects the rights of women and girls during and after conflicts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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1 *Resolved*, That—

1 (1) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
2 tives that—

3 (A) the United States and the other mem-
4 ber states of the United Nations should meet
5 their obligations to women as agreed to in
6 United Nations Security Council Resolution
7 1325 of October 31, 2000, relating to the rights
8 and the roles of women in building peace and
9 security; and

10 (B) the United States should fully imple-
11 ment international law relating to human rights
12 that protects the rights of women and girls dur-
13 ing and after conflicts; and

14 (2) in particular, the House of Representatives
15 urges the representatives of the United States at the
16 United Nations—

17 (A) to urge member states of the United
18 Nations to ensure increased representation of
19 women at all decision-making levels;

20 (B) to encourage the Secretary General of
21 the United Nations to implement his strategic
22 plan of action (A/49/587) calling for an increase
23 in the participation of women at decision-mak-
24 ing levels in conflict resolution and peace proc-
25 esses;

1 (C) to urge the Secretary General to ap-
2 point more women as special representatives
3 and envoys;

4 (D) to urge the Secretary General to ex-
5 pand the role and contributions of women in
6 field-based operations of the United Nations,
7 including among military observers, civilian po-
8 lice, and human rights and humanitarian per-
9 sonnel;

10 (E) to request the Secretary General to
11 provide training guidelines and materials on the
12 protection, rights, and particular needs of
13 women;

14 (F) to urge member states of the United
15 Nations to increase their voluntary financial,
16 technical, and logistical support for gender-sen-
17 sitive training efforts;

18 (G) to call upon all parties to armed con-
19 flict to respect fully international law applicable
20 to the rights and protection of women and girls,
21 especially as civilians;

22 (H) to call upon all parties to armed con-
23 flict to take special measures to protect women
24 and girls from gender-based violence, particu-
25 larly rape and other forms of sexual abuse;

1 (I) to emphasize the responsibilities of all
2 countries to put an end to impunity and to
3 prosecute those responsible for genocide crimes,
4 including those related to sexual and other
5 forms of violence against women and girls; and

6 (J) to call upon all parties to armed con-
7 flict to respect the civilian and humanitarian
8 character of refugee camps and settlements,
9 with particular attention to the special needs of
10 women and girls; and

11 (3) the House of Representatives requests the
12 Secretary of State to conduct a study of, and report
13 to the United States Congress on, the impact of
14 armed conflict on women and girls, the role of
15 women in peace-building, the gender dimensions of
16 peace processes and conflict resolution, and progress
17 on gender mainstreaming throughout peacekeeping
18 missions.

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